



# Conservation Conversations

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Kevin Jeffries, KACD President

## Letter from the KACD President

I appreciate this opportunity to share a few thoughts in this newsletter from my perspective as the president of the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts.

First, I would like to commend the Division of Conservation staff on their first newsletter and encourage their continued use of this medium to communicate with conservation districts across the state.

Looking back on 2006, it appears to me that we have once again seen a very strong and successful year for the conservation district program in Kentucky. The dedication

of a new office in Lyon County and the recognition given to the Todd County Conservation District during the southeast regional meeting in Ashville, NC for its diverse conservation programs were personal highlights for me. I commend these districts for their hard work in making facilities and programs available to their citizens for many years to come. Another highlight for me, as always, was the opportunity to visit with friends and conduct the business of our state association at its annual convention.

Another of the major successes in 2006 was the partnership between KACD and NACD to host a series of conference calls with conservation districts across the state. I have received numerous comments from district supervisors on the value of these calls enabling them to talk with other district supervisors, as well as representatives from state and national agencies on important issues facing local conservation districts. It is my hope that we will have the ability to continue these conference calls as a way to communicate with local conservation districts and to as-

sist them in improving their programs on the local level.

Now, let's look forward to the coming year and the challenges we have facing us in our conservation district programs in Kentucky. We have all observed the changes in Congress as a result of the last general election and hear daily about the financial concerns that Congress is facing in federal budget discussions. The challenge I see at the federal level is continuing to do a better job in communicating the importance of conservation district programs to our congressional delegation. The next issue that will consume a considerable amount of our resources and time in the coming year will be the restructuring of USDA offices in Kentucky. This time, the plan to restructure the location of offices is driven from the limited budgets of our federal agencies. Districts, with the support of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, are going to be called upon to assist in providing locations where our citizens can continue to access the conservation programs in each of our counties. We have seen numerous examples of districts,

with the help of the state, being able to maintain offices that USDA has been forced to close previously. We need to look at these examples and use them to continue to meet challenges as we go through this restructuring once again.

Another major effort beginning this new year will be our continued work with the Kentucky General Assembly. There will be several legislative initiatives where we will once again be calling upon each conservation district to make those valuable contacts with their legislators to inform them of the importance of conservation district programs in each of their communities.

Thank you for allowing me to share a few of my thoughts. I look forward to continuing to work with the dedicated group of supervisors that serve on the KACD board of directors, to listening to your concerns and to being a strong voice in promoting the importance of conservation districts in each of our counties in the Commonwealth. I hope you will always feel free to contact me personally as I am always ready to listen to your comments and concerns.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jeffries

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## New NRCS State Conservationist

By Steve Coleman

The Kentucky Conservation Partnership would like to extend a warm welcome to Michael D. Hubbs who became Kentucky's new State Conservationist for NRCS on November 26, 2006.

Mr. Hubbs is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science in Plant and Soil Science and earned his Master's Degree in Agronomy from Auburn University. He began his career in 1977 in Tennessee with the then Soil Conservation Service as a soil conservationist and moved on as a district and resource conservationist. From 1996 to 2004 he served as the agronomist at the Soil Quality Institute in Auburn, AL for NRCS. He then accepted a post in the NRCS National Headquarters in Washington, DC, serving as the national agronomist and nutrient management specialist.

Again, on behalf of Kentucky conservation district supervisors and staff and the Division of Conservation, we to welcome Mike, his wife, Diane, and their son to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and look forward to working with him on the conservation challenges facing our state and continuing our success in a strong conservation partnership in Kentucky.



Large crowds were on hand for the conclusion of the 2006 Leadership Development Training Sessions for Conservation Districts. The first of two meetings was held at the Clark County extension education center in Winchester on November 1 and drew a crowd of nearly 100 participants. The second meeting was held at the Grayson County extension building in Leitchfield on November 8 and attracted another 50 participants.

Many aspects of being a conservation district supervisor were discussed, including supervisors' roles and responsibilities and expanding leadership skills. Information and updates were discussed by Division of Conservation and NRCS staff on the latest conservation district programs

## Informed Supervisors Plus Strong Leaders Equal Dynamic Conservation Districts

By Curtis M. Kirk

and their implementation.

Travel expenses for all supervisors who drove to and from the workshops were paid with funds set-aside by the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. Refreshments and lunch were served on-site thanks to the local George Rogers Clark FFA Chapter in Clark County and the Cattlemen's Association in Grayson County. Meals that included hamburgers and rib-eye steaks were enjoyed by all. Involvement by the Clark County and Grayson County conservation districts and their employees was key to making these meetings a success at the local level. A great big thanks goes out to all of these groups for their support and hard work.

This completes the supervisor leadership development training for 2006 and it is our hope to offer another four workshops in 2007. Comments and suggestions received from supervisors who participated

in the training surveys provided at the 2006 workshops are already being reviewed. Using the surveys as guidance we hope to develop new and exciting programs to create positive interaction in the coming meetings.

These workshops meet the criteria for qualifying for the conservation district leadership development incentive pay. In order to continue to be eligible for the incentive pay, a supervisor will need to complete at least two qualifying events each year.

We will be providing more detailed information about next year's meetings as it becomes available and we hope to be contacting districts and supervisors to solicit your participation in putting on future workshops.



## LaRue County Producer Earns Cooperator of the Year Award

By Kelly Shouse



Marvin R. Skaggs of LaRue County was awarded the Cooperator of the Year Award for his willingness to install practices that would improve the conservation of natural resources on his 127-acre cattle farm. See examples of his hard work below:



Grassed waterway constructed to reduce soil erosion and sediment into stream through Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Livestock water fountain installed through Environmental Quality Incentives Program to improve water quality and decrease soil erosion.



Tree planting installation for a riparian buffer to reduce sediment in the stream from runoff through the Conservation Reserve Program



Covered feeding area through State Cost Share to control animal waste for his 50-head cow/calf operation.

## Pike County Conservation District Buying Junk Vehicles

By Anthony Mullins

The Pike County Conservation District along with area businesses, Fiscal Court and the solid waste department has found that junk cars are a significant resource concern in Pike County. Junk cars are detrimental to the environmental and economic health of the county. Few industries and tourists are attracted to areas where junk/abandoned vehicles clutter hillsides, stream banks or are just left abandoned.

The Pike County Conservation District in cooperation with the Pike County Fiscal Court worked together to address the problem of junk/abandoned vehicles by instituting a buy-back program. This was a voluntary program to allow citizens to dispose of vehicles. This program was funded by private donations and through area businesses. Local wrecker services picked up the vehicles for the price of the metal they received for recycling them. The conservation district paid the landowner \$25 per vehicle with a limit of four vehicles per landowner. No junkyards were allowed to participate in the program. The junk car buy-back was a huge success with 320 junk vehicles removed at no cost to taxpayers.

Local media sources were utilized to help publicize the program. Cooperating agencies were encouraged to incorporate information about the negative effects of junk/abandoned vehicles when conducting environmental education programs with Pike County students.

Cleaning up these junk/abandoned vehicles reduces health risks from vermin and insects, protects our stream and groundwater sources from contamination, beautifies the environment and increases public awareness of proper metal disposal.





## White Goods Program in Harlan County Seeks to Clean Up Environment

By David Keltner

Household appliances such as washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, stoves, refrigerators and other white goods wear out eventually and must be replaced. Until recently it was difficult to dispose of old appliances. Unwanted appliances would wind up in creeks or rivers and scattered along hillsides. Several local groups in Harlan County decided to take action to rid these unsightly appliances from the landscape and improve the environment by doing so.

The Harlan County Conservation District and Fiscal Court and the city of Evarts sponsored a countywide buy-back program for appliances and other white goods. Susie Mavinidis, administrative secretary for the Harlan County Conservation District, applied for and received grants from the Division of Conservation and the Cumberland Valley Resources Conservation and Development District. These grants were used to fund the project.

Old and unwanted appliances were brought to the Harlan County recycling center in Baxter and to the Evarts municipal lot or sewer plant. A voucher was issued for each appliance. Each voucher was redeemable for \$5 in cash at Don's Super-saver in Harlan and the Dairy Hut in Evarts. David Howard, Harlan County district supervisor, said, "Vouchers were issued at the drop-off site instead of cash to keep the workers safer."

Lakis Mavinidis, solid waste administrator for Harlan County, stated, "This is the third time the Fiscal Court has participated in this program and each time it has been successful. There have been over 2,300 appliances collected all together." Mavinidis also sent crews out into the county to pick up appliances that people were unable to deliver. However, no vouchers were issued when a crew was sent to retrieve items.

For more information on this program, contact Susie Mavinidis at the Harlan County Conservation District at 606-573-2838.



## Fall Leaf Scrapbook Contest Winners Announced

By Kelly Shouse

A Leaf Scrapbook Contest was held this fall for the second year as a joint venture among three county agencies: the Oldham County Conservation District, Public Library, and History Center.

Forty students in grades K-5 collected and identified leaves and created a scrapbook showcasing their collection. The event kicked off with a leaf walk led by Sara Johns, from the Division of Forestry, on October 7 at the Oldham County Conservation Park. Students and adults spent the morning walking the grounds while Johns identified trees and shared information on each of them. Participants were also able to access leaf identification Web sites via the library's Web site – [www.oldhampl.org](http://www.oldhampl.org) – or visit any of the library's three branches for books on the subject.

The scrapbooks were judged on accuracy, originality, variety and design with winners selected in the following categories: K-1; 2-3; 4-5. Individual winners were also recognized for each grade and category. The contest culminated with an awards ceremony on Saturday, November 18 at the Creasey-Mahan Library where all participants were recognized.

The grand prize winners were Heidi Parimore - K/1; Bryan Vander Zouwen - 2/3 and Jason Karrel - 4/5.

Individual winners by grade and category were Heidi Parimore - kindergarten; Jack Doligale – 1<sup>st</sup>; Maddie Driscoll – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Bryan Vander Zouwen – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Samantha Gray – 4<sup>th</sup>, and Jason Karrel – 5<sup>th</sup>. The paper book winner was Haley Schoengart.

Each grand prize winner received a \$25 gift certificate to the Louisville Science Center, a set of binoculars, a compass and nature related books.

"The judges were very impressed with this year's entries as it was obvious the students had spent a great deal of time and effort collecting, identifying and preparing their projects. It's always wonderful to see youth get excited learning about our environment and spending time as a family exploring the wonders of nature." said Shauna Buchert, from the Oldham County Conservation District.

Thank you to everyone involved for helping to make this program such a big success.





## LYON COUNTY 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE STUDENTS TOURED MURPHY FARM

By Connie Gray

Sixty Lyon County third-grade students and teachers enjoyed their school day on October 30 learning about preserving earth's natural resources outdoors at Murphy's farm in Lamasco. Rod Murphy has graciously hosted the field trip for the past 12 years. The trip was coordinated by the Lyon County Conservation District along with Lyon County third-grade teachers.

The students spent the morning visiting with the resource personnel of various agencies and ended the day with a hayride tour of the cropland and grain bin operations on the Murphy farm. Lyon County Conservation Districts Youth Board members presented Sammy the Soil Saver and told a story about erosion. Resource personnel included Don Lam and Brandon

Sherer of the Kentucky Division of Forestry; Conservation Technician Danny Brooks of the Natural Resources Conservation Service; John Mocko of Webster County Conservation District; Susan Fox, Lyon County Extension Agent for Agriculture Natural Resources; Soil Scientist Rudy Forsythe, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Becky Hicks, Kentucky Soybean Association; Lori Wells and Judy Rousseau, Caldwell County Health Department; Leland Steeley, Division of Water; and George Ballard of Caldwell County.

Those assisting with the tour and farm visit also included Rod Murphy, Lyon County Conservation District chairman; Connie Gray of Division of Conservation; District Conservationist Mike Clayton,

Natural Resources Conservation Service; Soil Conservation Technician Thela Blythe, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Tera Litchfield and Kim Brown, Lyon County Conservation District; and Lyon County Youth Board members, Mandy Murphy, Caitlyn Estes, Lindsey Bridges and Julia Freeman.



Rod Murphy gives tour of cropland



Division of Forestry personnel give talk



Lyon County youth board presents Sammy the Soil Saver



Leland Steeley demonstrates water quality

## A Page in Conservation History

By Curtis M Kirk

**History** – “an account of important events in the order in which they happened.”

Sometimes it is by looking back that we can become more focused on our vision for the future. Understanding where we started and how we got to where we are today can serve as a map for where we are going and a blueprint for how we can get there. Besides, we thought it could be a lot of fun!!!!

So a new addition to this newsletter will be A PAGE IN CONSERVATION HISTORY. We would like to spotlight significant historical events and people important to conservation history in Kentucky in each of the upcoming editions of this newsletter.

But we need your help. If you have information on historical conservation events or people you would like to see in the newsletter please send them along with any available photos to Curtis Kirk at the Division of Conservation at 375 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

I found our first history article in our Division of Conservation archives. It was published by The Progressive Farmer Magazine in February 1948. While I apologize for the quality of the text, I assure it is worth the effort to read. It is most entertaining and puts into perspective just how far we have come in a relatively short time.

THIS PHOTOGRAPHED BY PATRICK,  
February 1948



A "Jeep" fire truck recommended for farm communities . . . pumped water to show fire-protection value of farm ponds.



Bulldozer pushed out trees. Pushed in dirt to build dam for  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre farm pond. These big "babies" are fine for clearing off waste land in starting pastures.

## Modern Machinery at Kentucky Soil Jamboree



Lime truck brought lime to farm and floated a white cloud over the stubble. Old back-breaking shovel work by farmer was past history.



This pick-up hay baler is shown turning windrows into bales. No fork handling and no stacking around poles is necessary.

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"WHEN I was a kid, if I had seen that thing it would have scared me to death."

This was Farmer Will Fugate, 68, speaking. He was watching a high-speed, side delivery hay rake as it crossed a field of new hay.

Farmer Harry Givens from Ohio County turned to us and said:

"A man farming today without machinery is just about as bad off as a city man running a livery stable in competition with taxis.

"One of our farmers," Mr. Givens continued, "sold a horse for \$22. Harness for \$24. He said, 'I couldn't hire anyone to go out there and plow a horse . . . but I could get a man to drive a tractor.' The oncoming generation won't even know how to plow."

Tractors? Yes, we are here today at a soil conservation jamboree. Folks from far and wide have gathered, bringing whatever they have in latest up-to-the-minute farming equipment. Each has come to donate a day's work.

This meet, that we are about to see, was organized by the Hopkins County Soil Conservation District, the Kentucky Division of Soil and Water Resources, the Soil Conservation Service, and other farm agencies.

We are on the 271-acre farm of Mrs. Pearl McLeod in Hopkins County, Ky. Forty tractors are crawling all over the place. Red, orange, green, yellow, gray. International Harvester . . . Ford . . . Massey-Harris . . . Allis-Chalmers . . . Oliver . . . John Deere . . . Caterpillar.

### *Tractor Plows Where Teams Can't*

L. L. Trover, 65, a Hopkins County farmer, in tribute to the tractors: "That land is hard and dry out there. You couldn't plow that with a team. That's one of the pretty things about a tractor."

Tractors build terraces with anything handy. On one hillside, about a dozen tractors are starting in to terrace with disk plows and moldboard plows. One constructs terraces with the new whirlwind terracer which consists of a large dirt screw fitted into the moldboard of a plow. As the plow moves, the screw whirls at high speed driven by the tractor power take-off. It throws dirt up to a distance of 12 feet. Made by International Harvester, it sells for about \$600.

With a caterpillar tractor you can build a terrace in three rounds. And you can also build one with "a common old plow."

Farmer Jesse Duke, 67, observes, "I use to think

• When a fellow puts good money into building up good land he certainly wants to keep it long enough to get his money back. So farmers turn out en masse to see how terraces and outlets and meadow strips can best be built to stand the ravages of water. Mr. McKinney tells about a Kentucky demonstration of the use of some of the new equipment available for soil erosion and fire control.

## By JOHN McKINNEY

there wasn't anything to it. But, terraces keep the land from washin' away. If it comes a hard rain and there is a little cow trail or footpath down the hill, you've got a gully started."

### *Tractor-Driven Post-Hole Digger*

Beyond the woods we find a tractor-driven post-hole digger. It is sinking 30 holes an hour.

Let's see what one of the young farmers thinks about this new machinery. Over here is James Robinson—in his twenties. He owns a 125-acre farm. James tells us:

"When the ground is hard and dry you can't dig post holes by hand. But, that machine goes after it."

Young Robinson seemed satisfied with the holes 9 inches across and 30 inches deep that the machine was boring. A post-hole digger handled by Ford dealers sells for \$275.

A lime truck goes across the hillside with a cloud of white dust pouring out behind. This is the modern way to lime land. Truck brings lime and spreads it. Farmer does not have to touch it.

What is that contraption plowing there? It hums like a thresher. Farmer James H. Moore, 52, with the machine, tells us it is a "rotary tiller."

We watched it plow a 5-foot swath as it went. The rotary tiller consists of a heavy engine that whirls a shaft with a lot of plow feet that strike the ground. The machine has no front wheels. Instead, the front end rides on the axle of a good size farm tractor that pulls the thing along.

"Mr. Moore, will you tell us what you know about this 'rotary tiller' . . . we believe you call it?"

"This make of rotary tiller is the 'Seaman Triple Tiller'. I use it on my own farm. The gas model sells for \$2,500. Diesel model is \$4,000. Advan-

tage of gas model is that any auto mechanic can work on it. The Diesel is cheaper on fuel, but mechanics are few.

"On my farm of 1,004 acres I didn't have any ground plowed this year. I used the tiller altogether to put in 150 acres of corn and 350 acres of soybeans. It prepared land for fall seeding of vetch and rye, and a meadow mixture."

Its rotary action beats up soil, Mr. Moore told us. "It breaks and pulverizes in one operation," said Mr. Moore as he pushed his walking stick about 9 inches into the loose soil. We tramp about on the seedbed. It feels light and fluffy under our feet. The speeding plows beat the dry stubble and soil almost to a dust.

"It has made me as good crops as plowing and disking. Before I bought the tiller, I had to go over the ground with the plows, the disks, and the cultipacker about five or six times.

"The rotary tiller will clean out weed pests that some of our old plow tools wouldn't get," adds Farmer Moore.

### *Bulldozer Clears Trees, Builds Pond*

We see a bulldozer up the hollow. It's moving like an elephant, pushing up trees as big as your thigh. They are clearing the hollow for a farm pond. After clearing trees, the bulldozer pushes dirt to dam a 3-acre pond.

A fire truck is drawing a crowd down in the hollow, at an old pond. As we draw closer, we find it's a "Jeep" fire truck throwing water over the treetops. It demonstrates the value of a pond in barn or house fires.

"The 'Jeep' fire truck," says C. E. Bratton, former fire captain, "carries 200 gallons of water on a trailer in case of no pond. Also, it carries chemicals to make foam. The fire hose has a total length of 1,000 feet. The outfit is made by Willys-Overland. Sells for about \$4,500."

Dr. T. S. Buie, regional conservator, Soil Conservation Service, told the crowd that the U. S. expects an increase to 170 million by 1970. "How can we feed these people if we let our land wash away?" Dr. Buie asks.

But Kentucky, with bigger and better machinery, was determined to meet Dr. Buie's challenge. They had opened a second frontier. They would stop the muddy water that has been slipping away to the Ohio carrying their beefsteak and potatoes, and bread and butter with jam on it.



## Heritage Land Council Awards Grant to Logan County

By Mary Jean Eddins

The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board, which awards grants for the purchase and management of selected natural areas and wildlife habitat, would like to encourage local conservation districts to consider applying for funding if eligible lands are available for sale.

To date, only one conservation district has applied for, and received, Heritage Land funds. In 2002, the Logan County Conservation District applied for funds to purchase 66 acres within the city limits of Russellville. The property, in close proximity to several schools, consisted of forest and grasslands. The most unique feature of the property is a limestone barren. This landform type is now rare in Kentucky although the "Big Barrens" were an extensive grassland in what is now Logan and a number of counties at the time of

settlement. The Barrens were quickly converted to farmland because of the productive soils. Now, only small remnants remain and they provide habitat for many rare and uncommon plants of Kentucky.

Logan County Conservation District recognized the importance of preserving this property and believed it could be a very valuable educational asset to the students and residents of Logan and surrounding counties. The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board agreed and awarded the conservation district over \$316,000 for the purchase and management of the Baker Natural Area.

The property, purchased in 2004 and dedicated in 2006, has seen quite a bit of improvement. Walking trails have been constructed, a weather station has been built, and the property is being used by

local students and residents for both educational and recreational purposes.

The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund was established to provide funding for natural areas that possess unique features such as habitat for rare and endangered species; areas important to migratory birds; areas that perform important natural functions that are subject to alteration or loss; and areas to be preserved in their natural state for public use, outdoor recreation and education.

The fund is supported by the sale of nature license plates, the state portion of the unmined minerals tax, environmental fines, and interest. In fiscal year 2006, the board awarded grants in excess of \$4 million. Grants are awarded quarterly and do not require a match.

## Butler County Hosts First Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Day Camp

By Shanna Drake

On Wednesday, May 10, 2006 the Butler County Conservation District in conjunction with the Butler County Farm Bureau hosted the first Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Day Camp in Butler County. Until this date Butler County students participated in the Warren County camp held in September.

Approximately 165 fourth-grade students were taught the importance of safety on the farm, in their town and in their homes. Topics taught at the camp included bicycle safety, water safety, drug use prevention, first aid, gun safety, sun safety and tractor/ATV safety. Assisting with the camp were approximately 60 volunteers from Butler County and

nearby.

Butler County was fortunate to be selected by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation for a camp in 2006. The process to get the camp completed took many months and a lot of hard work from all the volunteers. The application was submitted in July 2005 and notification of approval from the Progressive Agriculture Foundation came in September of that year.

Then it was time for coordinator training in November. Two coordinators went to Nashville, Tennessee to learn how to conduct a successful camp. After the training a planning committee was established and the

camp began to take shape. The camp was scheduled to take place at the Morgantown City Park, but due to rain had to be moved at the last minute.

In spite of a rainy day all seemed to enjoy the event and hopefully will be safer than before. "We look forward to making this an annual event to help improve the safety of Butler County children," stated Butler County Extension for Agriculture and Farm Safety Coordinator Gregory Drake.



## Woodford County Mourns Loss of a Supervisor

By Kim Richardson



On August 30, Mr. Charles Kaenzig passed away. Mr. Kaenzig was well known in Woodford County as a retired farmer and former owner of Kaenzig Orchard and Market. He was also involved in the Pinckard Baptist Church and was a Farm Bureau Director. The Woodford County Conservation District felt very privileged to have Mr. Kaenzig on its board, where he had served since January 1, 1973. He was also instrumental in the Agriculture Resource Building becoming a reality to serve the citizens of Woodford County. Mr. Kaenzig was a loving father of four with five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His brother, Claude Kaenzig, also serves on the Woodford County Conservation Board. We offer our sympathy to the Kaenzig family and want them to know that he will be greatly missed in the conservation community.



## Madison County Conservation District Holds Field Day

By Kim Richardson

On Friday, October 20, farmers in Madison County received a lesson on fencing and how it can help protect water supplies. The fencing lesson was provided by Jeremy McGill from Gallagher Power Fence Systems. The field day was designed to teach farmers how to fence off water supplies such as ponds, with electric fence. It was explained to the farmers that when livestock wade and linger in ponds it reduces the quality of the water by increasing sediment. The more sediment, the less water that is available. Also, waste can contaminate the water supply and cause the cattle to drink less. When cattle drink less, they eat less resulting in to lower weight gain. Part of the lesson considered adding strategically placed alternative water sources such as tanks to the land. Multiple water sources allow field rotation and reduction of overgrazing. Madison County Conservation District was able to put in this practice on the recreational Wilgreen Lake with State Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Environmental Grant, NRCS technical assistance, and monetary assistance from Madison County Fiscal Court.

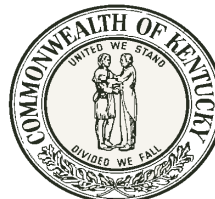
Madison County Fiscal Court has also commissioned an environmental science professor from Eastern Kentucky University to study the pollution in the lake and determine the sources. From this study, the Madison County Conservation District will be better equipped to take the results and design best management practices that will assist landowners in the area with dealing with the pollution whether it is agricultural, septic tanks or lawn chemicals.

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## 2007 Conservation District Quarterly Calendar

### January

- Begin work on District Budget and Annual Plan of Work
- 2007 General Assembly starts – Jan. 2 to March 27
- NACD Necrology List due to Frankfort Office
- KACD Legislative “Wild Game Dinner” – 3rd
- Equipment Revolving Loan Payment(s) – 10th
- KACD Board of Directors Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Soil and Water Conservation Commission Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Young Farmers Conservation Contest Judging
- State Cost Share Status Reports
- Monthly Treasurer Reports and CD Employee Time Sheets

### February

- Continue work on District Budget and Annual Plan of Work
- State Level Judging of Writing and Art Contest
- Equipment Revolving Loan Payment(s) – 10<sup>th</sup>
- State Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Sign Ups – 1 to 28
- NACD National Convention – Feb. 3 – 8 – Los Angeles, CA
- Spring Area Conservation Meetings
- State Cost Share Status Reports
- Monthly Treasurer Reports and CD Employee Time Sheets

### March

- Present District Budget and Plan of Work to Fiscal Court
- Spring Area Conservation Meetings
- KACD Congressional Breakfast in Washington, D.C.
- Equipment Revolving Loan Payment(s) – 10th
- KACD Board of Directors Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
- Soil and Water Conservation Commission Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Deadline for State Cost Share Applications to Frankfort Office – 31st
- State Cost Share Status Reports
- Monthly Treasurer Reports and CD Employee Time Sheets
- Auxiliary Scholarship Applications due to Frankfort Office – 31st